

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A toner comprising a binder resin and at least a colorant, wherein:

the toner has a storage modulus (G' (L1)) in a linear region and a storage modulus (G' (NL)) in a nonlinear region at 180°C, in step strain measurement of from a linear region to a nonlinear region of viscoelastic characteristics, satisfying the relationships of

G' (L1)/ G' (NL) is from 5 to 20, and

G' (NL) is from 100 to 400 dyn/cm²; and

~~wherein~~the binder resin comprises a block polyester and an amorphous polyester; and

the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 4 parts by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:
~~An~~an image-forming apparatus; and
a toner; wherein:

the image-forming apparatus comprises comprising at least:

an image carrier on which an electrostatic latent image is formed;
~~a toner according to claim 1 or 2;~~
a developing unit which develops the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier to form a toner image by the toner;
a transferring unit which transfers the toner image on the image carrier to a recording medium; and
a fixing unit which fixes the toner image transferred to the recording medium by heating, wherein the fixing unit has oil-less two rollers; and
the toner is the toner of claim 1.

4. (currently amended): A toner comprising a binder resin and at least a colorant, wherein:

the toner has a storage modulus ($G' (L2)$) in a linear region at 180°C, in step strain measurement of from a nonlinear region to a linear region of viscoelastic characteristics, of from 400 to 2,000 dyn/cm²; ~~and~~

~~wherein the binder resin comprises a block polyester and an amorphous polyester; and~~

the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 4 parts by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

5. (original): The toner according to claim 4, wherein the toner has a ratio of the storage modulus ($G' (L2)$) to the storage modulus ($G' (NL)$) in a nonlinear region $G' (L2)/G'$

(NL) at 180°C, in step strain measurement of from a nonlinear region to a linear region of viscoelastic characteristics, of from 3 to 8.

6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented): An image forming system comprising:
An image-forming apparatus; and
a toner; wherein:
the image-forming apparatus comprises ~~comprising at least:~~
an image carrier on which an electrostatic latent image is formed;
~~a toner according to any one of claims 4 to 6;~~
a developing unit which develops the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier to form a toner image by the toner;
a transferring unit which transfers the toner image on the image carrier to a recording medium; and
a fixing unit which fixes the toner image transferred to the recording medium by heating, wherein the fixing unit has oil-less two rollers; and
the toner is the toner of claim 4 or 5.